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Letter of Protest

The letter is in protest against your suggested rate increase.

SCE&G already has higher rates than other investor-owned utilities, as well as publicly owned Santee Cooper.

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## Dear Sir/Madam:

I am appalled at the rate hike that SCE&G is asking. We are all struggling and I think that get enough money to pay their bills. Maybe, some of the higher command some take a cut in pay.

Hike like this will leave some of our seniors without heat in the winter months. Have a heart and stop this foolish rate hike.

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Public Service Commission of South Carolina Att: Docketing Dept. P.O. Drawer 11649 Columbia, SC 29211

Re: SCE&G request for rate increase

Docket No. 2009-489-E

Dear Sirs:

I am writing this letter because I am in disagreement with the rate hike that SCE&G is requesting. As a businessman for over 42 years in the Charleston area, I am acutely aware of the cost of doing business. At this time, I and every other businessman I know, have to cut costs to the absolute bone, in order to survive and continue to employ my workers. It is a very difficult task, one which includes cutting executive salaries, including my own, as well as fine tuning expenses to the point we do not spend any money unwisely.

SCE&G already exceeds Duke Powers cost to their customers as well as Santee Coopers cost. I cannot believe a rate hike is justified when other Utilities are able to offer lower rates. This Utility needs to prove that they have cut their expenses to the bone, done away with any unnecessary expenses and are managing their business 100% efficiently. Once that is accomplished and they still must require a rate increase, then and only then should it be considered.

It would be a wonderful world if I, as a businessman, could just arbitrarily raise my rates to my customers without loosing a significant number of them. I have to remain competitive in order to stay in business and your job is to make absolutely sure that SCE&G does the same. What purpose do you serve, if not for that?

Thank you for considering my opinion.

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